

# FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

## **April 27, 2021 Meeting**

- I. A virtual online meeting was held and called to order by Chair Mari Lee.
- II. The following members and others were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, Francisco Alves, Roger Sobkowiak, Cindy Shubin, Greg Sember, Irene Packer-Halsey, and Michael Baran. Keith Merkey, Education and Outreach Associate with the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights, and Human Relations Department staff members Pat Fleet and Miles Ward.
- III. The minutes from the February 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote with a motion made by Roger Sobkowiak and a second from Lisa Clark.
- IV. Guest speaker – Jason Lando, FPD Chief of Police – Chief Lando introduced himself to the group. He retired from Pittsburg after 20 years of being a commander. He stated that he is getting to know the community. In 2014 he inherited a precinct that had some issues and worked to make change in that community. He comes to Frederick wanting to do the same on a larger scale.
- V. Officers' reports  
On behalf of the Treasurer Pat Fleet reported that the current balance of HRC funds is \$4,120.00.
- VI. Standing Committees  
  
CRC - Reported that they are working on a follow-up to the previous forum. They are meeting next week to come up with a date.  
  
GRC – The proposal for the luncheon was submitted. Mari Lee will be reaching out to the proposed speaker.  
  
IRC – No report at this time.
- VII. Action items:
  - a) A motion was made by Greg Sember to reappoint Veronica Lowe, Michael Baran, Chris Isleib and Cindy Shubin to the HRC. It was seconded by Irene Packer-Halsey and the vote was unanimous in favor.

- b) Mari Lee made a statement to the public in support of the Asian American and Pacific Islanders. The commission decided that due to timing that her remarks were sufficient to show support.

VIII. Old Business

- a. The Hate has no Business Campaign is going strong. More signs will be made to distribute. The Chamber has contacted Greg Sember and would like to set up a webinar in partnership with the HRC. Greg Sember and Mari Lee will follow up with the Chamber. At this time more than 50 businesses have put up the signs.
- b. Virtual Banquet – The date for the Virtual Banquet is May 17, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:30. The committee is seeking nomination for the 4 awards and also nominations from each of the schools.

IX. Members that chose to do so gave brief comments.

X. The meeting was adjourned.

*These minutes were prepared by the Human Relations Department.*